

# CAPITAL REGION LAND CONSERVANCY

protecting the land and places you love



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The mission of the Capital Region Land Conservancy (CRLC) is to conserve and protect the natural and historic land and water resources of Virginia’s Capital Region for the benefit of current and future generations.

CRLC is the only land trust devoted specifically to conservation within the Counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, and Powhatan as well as the Town of Ashland and City of Richmond. We are proud to have conserved more than 13,000 acres of land in this special region.



The “View that named Richmond” from Libby Hill overlooking Dock Street Park.

**In 2022, CRLC opened public access to the Varina LandLab with 4 miles of trails, 3 trailheads, and parking.**

Our vision for the future of Virginia’s Capital Region includes:

Protecting significant areas of land that preserve our healthy watersheds, historic landscapes, forests, and farms.

Promoting a healthy community that enjoys connected natural areas, a regional trail network, a vibrant economy, and a better quality of life.

Educating our community and nurturing a well-developed land conservation ethic.

Earning recognition as a preeminent and respected authority in land conservation.

CRLC is run by 3 full time employees, 2 part time employees, and managed by a 17 member Board of Directors.





## Easements

In 2022, Capital Region Land Conservancy (CRLC), recorded three new conservation easements solely held by the conservancy and one conservation easement co-held by the conservancy.

### Solely Held Easements:

- 1.) 0.85-acre easement in the City of Richmond located on Dock Street for the James River Association's James Buzzard River Education Center and extension of the Virginia Capital Trail.
- 2.) 51.62-acre easement in Chesterfield County in the Ware Bottom Church Battlefield with funding provided by the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program for a future public Park owned and operated by Chesterfield County.
- 3.) 12.65-acre easement in Hanover County with frontage along Totopotomoy Creek.

### Co-held Easement:

- 1.) 18.29-acre easement in the City of Richmond and Henrico County co-held with the Friends of Bandy Field with a restatement of the original 2014 deed of easement.

*CRLC held 12 conservation easements and co-held 16 conservation easements as of 12/31/2022. The easements held by CRLC at the end of 2022 protect an additional 547 acres. CRLC co-held easements protect 2,115 acres. Altogether, CRLC is responsible for stewarding 28 conservation easements protecting 2,662 acres. Furthermore, CRLC has facilitated easements on another 9,923 acres.*



Reforestation at Bandy Field Nature Park

# Owned Properties

in 2022, CRLC acquired the following three properties under ownership:

- 1.) 28.1-acre property in Henrico County on New Market Road known as Four Mile Creek Farm, containing 12.4 acres of prime farmland, 1,128 feet along Four Mile Creek, and land within the core of New Market Heights Battlefield.
- 2.) 40-acre property spanning Chesterfield County, Colonial Heights, and the City of Petersburg known as Campbell's Bridge Mills purchased for future public parks and the extension of the Appomattox River Trail. The property contains approximately 22,654 feet along the scenic Appomattox River and numerous archaeological sites pertaining to 18th and 19th century industrial mills, canals, and dams. CRLC has granted a conservation easement to the Virginia Outdoors Foundation on the .934 acres of land in Colonial Heights, and is currently working to grant additional easements on the remaining land to both VOF and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.
- 3.) 3.46-acre property in the City of Richmond that is planned as a future public open space and property planned to be transferred to the City of Richmond for inclusion in the James River Park System with CRLC holding a conservation easement upon its transfer.

In 2022, CRLC negotiated and facilitated a purchase agreement for 14.5 acres at Mayo's Island in the City of Richmond for \$11.4 million. The conservancy was awarded but has not yet fulfilled obligations for grant funding in the amount of \$1.5 million from the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation and \$7.5 million from the Virginia Community Flood Preparedness fund towards the acquisition and protection of this property as a future public park. CRLC is helping to raise the remaining funding for Mayo Island and ensuring its transfer to the City of Richmond.



Mayo's Island in the City of Richmond

The conservancy owns seven fee-simple properties on 12/31/22. These properties consist of 486.78 acres in the City of Richmond, Chesterfield County, Henrico County, Colonial Heights, and the City of Petersburg.

*CRLC's efforts since 2005 have helped conserve 13,057 total acres.*

## Education & Outreach

CRLC sponsored the RVA Environmental Film Festival, served as host organization to Virginia's United Land Trust's Annual Conference, and Choose Clean Water Coalition's Annual Conference in Richmond. CRLC also coordinated guided nature hikes on 5 of their conservation easement properties with a total of 85 attendees. CRLC coordinated two volunteer clean-ups at one property owned by the conservancy for a future public park.

CRLC's executive director co-authored "Ensuring Virginians Have Daily Access to the Outdoors" in the Virginia Conservation Network's 2022 Environmental Briefing Book. Staff contributed 10 blog posts to CRLC's website

CRLC staff participated in numerous meetings of the RVA Green 2050 environmental working group and Virginia Conservation Network workgroups.



CRLC partnered with four local poets and artists for a chapter in *Writing the Land: Windblown I*, an anthology of verse inspired by visiting conserved lands across the nation. CRLC's poets included Joanna Lee, Gwyn R.C. Moses, Maria Elena Scott, and Dorinda Wegener. Katie McBride provided custom illustrations.

CRLC maintained a modern, user friendly website with 10 blog posts. Staff were guest speakers at 6 community organizations, tabled at 8 community events, and educated numerous landowners in preserving their property. At its Varina LandLab, the conservancy hosted 235 student visits from classes at Virginia Commonwealth University and Henrico County Public Schools.

CRLC increased followers to 1,682 on Facebook, 948 on Instagram, and 281 on Twitter. CRLC shared organizational news with 2,356 email newsletter subscribers via 33 email newsletters. The conservancy garnered more than 130 press mentions discussing CRLC's conservation work. News about Four Mile Creek Farm was picked up by the Associated Press and was covered by more than 60 news outlets nationwide.





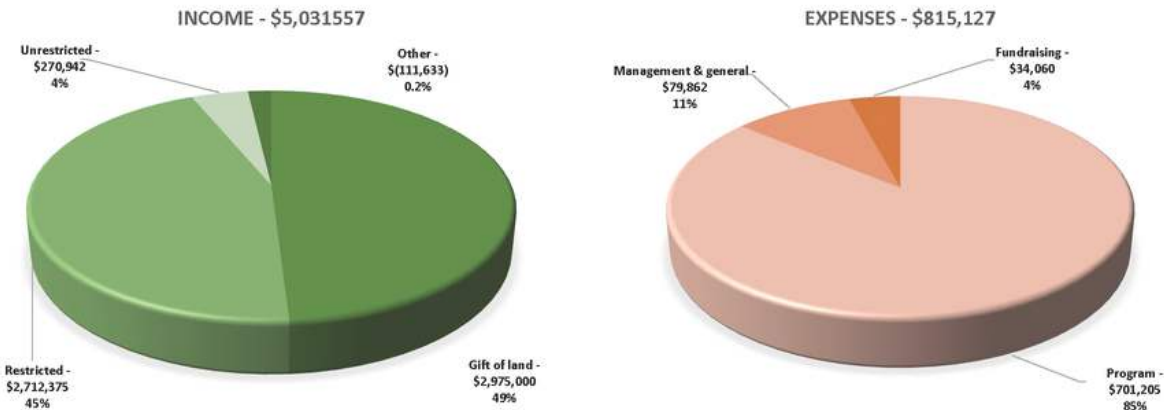
## Financials and Fundraising

CRLC hosted the 2022 Conservation Games as a multi-week celebration of conservation consisting of 8 virtual and in-person events. Throughout the game, 280 participants across Team Fields, Team Forests, and Team Streams competed to earn points by volunteering with partner organizations including the Richmond Toolbank and Happily Natural Day. Participants learned for a combined 174 hours and served a combined 146 volunteer hours during the games. Participants in the games also raised approximately \$38,000 to support CRLC’s operations.

In 2022, CRLC received contributions from 632 donors including 144 new members, achieving 13% growth in total number of donors since 2021, with a renewal rate in excess of 73%.

Total revenue for 2022 was \$5,846,684. Total expenses for 2022 were \$815,127. CRLC received two properties including 3.46 acres in the City of Richmond and 28.1 acres in Henrico County as gifts in-kind of real property with a combined appraised value of \$2,975,000. \$1,869,500 was received by CRLC for recording conservation easements in 2022 on properties purchased in previous years.

As of 12/31/2022, total assets were \$9,011,019 with total liabilities of \$551,881. Net assets, or fund balance, were \$8,459,138. A copy of the audited Consolidated Financial Statements is available on our website.



# Donor List

## \$25,000+

Animal Welfare Fund at the Community  
Foundation for a greater Richmond ~  
The Brunckhorst Foundation  
Family Holdings, LLC ^  
Friends of the James River Park \*  
Herndon Foundation  
Virginia Outdoors Foundation ~

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Steve and Kathie Markel ^  
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## \$10,000-\$24,999

Chesterfield County~  
Luck Companies Foundation  
The Universal Leaf Foundation  
Upper and Middle James Riparian Consortium  
Virginia Environmental Endowment  
Virginia's United Land Trusts

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Randy and Meade Welch #

## \$5,000-\$9,999

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## \$2,500-\$4,999

Colonial Farm Credit  
Davey Mitigation  
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Petersburg  
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Annie Reynolds and Bob Schulz \*  
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## \$1,000-\$2,499

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## \$500-\$999

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First Earth 2030  
Grainfield Farms LLC

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## \$250-\$499

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Massie Scott Fund of the Community  
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PGA Tour Charities, Inc.

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## In-Kind Donations of Land

Josh and Carrie Rogers

Howard Eberly

Matthew Robins \*

Mimi Sadler and Camden Whitehead \*

# New Market Heights donor

^ Mayo Island donor

\* Dock Street donor

~ Campbell's Bridge Mills donor



Four Mile Creek Farm

CRLC maintained full accreditation by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance. CRLC also maintained accreditation by the Better Business Bureau and earned the Guidestar Platinum Seal of Transparency for 2022.



James River Park System trailhead at Rogers Woods



Field at the Varina LandLab

# who we are

*organizational leadership*

## Board of Directors

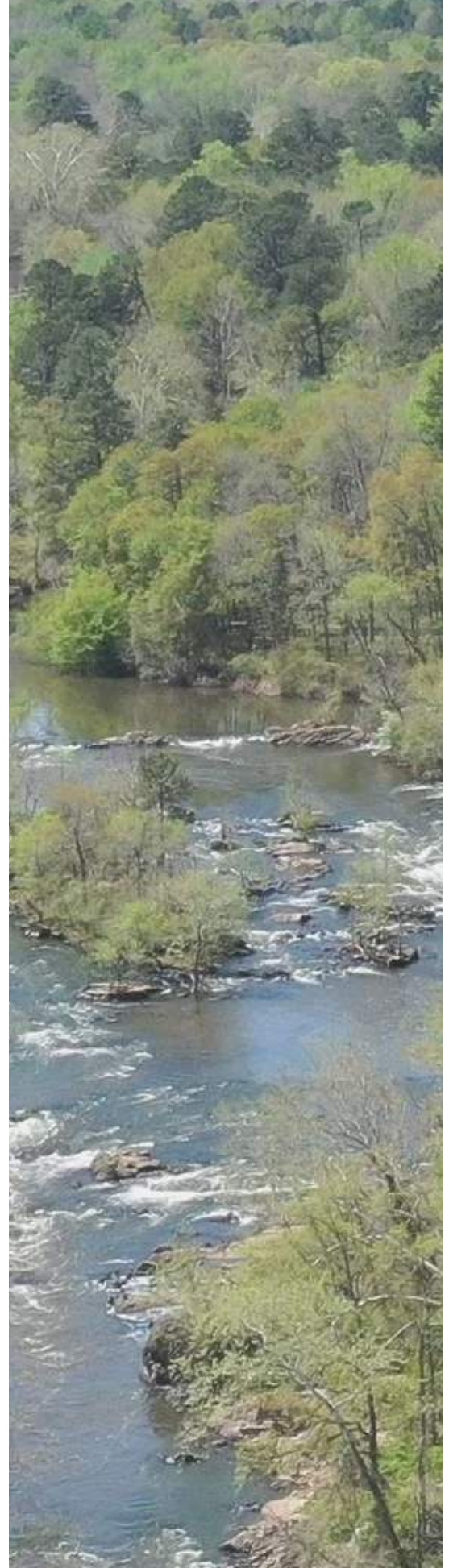
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# who we are

*staff*



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